



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 6931***

*January Session, 2001*

***AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION AND EQUITABLE WAGES FOR  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (a) The Department of Social Services shall assist  
2       state or federally funded child day care centers in attracting and  
3       retaining highly qualified early childhood teachers and assistants.

4       (b) Upon execution of an agreement between a child day care center  
5       and the Department of Social Services, the department may use  
6       available resources to increase the reimbursement rate to such centers  
7       in order to increase wages and benefits paid to early education  
8       professionals who obtain additional early childhood training or  
9       education. Such increased reimbursement rate shall take effect not  
10      later than thirty days after notification by a child day care center to the  
11      Department of Social Services that agreed-upon requirements have  
12      been met, and shall be incorporated into the regular reimbursement  
13      agreement for such center in subsequent fiscal years.

14      Sec. 2. (NEW) No state or federally funded child day care center  
15      shall encourage its employees to engage in, or discourage its  
16      employees from engaging in, collective bargaining.

17      Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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